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Fur Ball raises \$15G for pet shelter

FROM THE BLOG

Heather Brin and her son, Neil Shady, 10, foster kittens for Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue and Adoption Center in Port Jefferson.

They were among the 200 people enjoying Save-A-Pet's 12th annual Fur Ball held at Flowerfield in St. James Thursday night.

"I got this suit for the fundraiser," Neil said. "I love Save-A-Pet and I love to foster kittens. It's really fun."

Brin, 44, of Port Jefferson, and her son were happy to support the cause after all that Save-A-Pet has brought into their lives.

"We adopted one of our cats from Save-A-Pet," Brin said of a foster cat they decided to keep. "He was found in a storm drain, underweight and temporarily blind. We fostered him, fed him and just fell in love with him."

The Valentine's Day event, which raised about \$15,000, had originally been scheduled for November, but was postponed because of superstorm Sandy.

"It's important that we unite people together to help orphaned animals," said Dori Scofield, Save-A-Pet's founder and president.

As part of the fundraiser, Save-A-Pet's biggest of the year, more than 100 donated baskets that filled the cocktail room were raffled off.

"So many different people donated baskets," said Lynn Schoepfer, director of Save-A-Pet. "We have one staff member who has been putting these baskets together since October. It's a great cause. Everyone wants to help. What's not to love?"

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